



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

**Please stand as you are able whether you are participating at home or in the sanctuary.*

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, with life you defeat death, with light you overcome darkness, with love you conquer evil. May we believe in your Son, risen from the dead, and be filled with your Holy Spirit, so that we might receive these gifts of life, light, and love which you offer in abundance, and live in such a way that you are glorified, now and forever. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Easter Celebration Medley

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

Responsive Easter Proclamation

Laureen Snook

Leader: Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed.

All: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!

Leader: I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing. I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

All: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

Leader: I saw a new heaven and a new earth, the one who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new! I will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things is passing away."

All: Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

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Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

*Easter Hymn of Praise

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

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Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Earth and heav’n in chorus say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Dying once he all doth save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave, Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Call to Worship and Prayer

Kayely Rich

Leader: Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“Christ Arose”

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During the singing of this hymn, the children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Blessing, and then return to their parents for the remainder of the service. Activity packets will be handed out after the Children’s Blessing.

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Saviour!

Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose!

With a mighty triumph o’er his foes;

He arose a victor from the dark domain,

And he lives forever, with his saints to reign;

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Saviour!

Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose!

With a mighty triumph o'er his foes;

He arose a victor from the dark domain,

And he lives forever, with his saints to reign;

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Saviour,

He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose!

With a mighty triumph o’er his foes;

He arose a victor from the dark domain,

And he lives forever, with his saints to reign;

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Gift of Music

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”
(Handel)

Karen Martin
Christa Walsh, piano

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Annabel Robinson

New Testament Lesson: Acts 10:34-43 (pp. 129-130, New Testament section)

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4 (p. 201, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 118

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

All: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might; the Lord has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

All: The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

All: The Lord has punished me severely, but did not give me over to death.

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Gloria Patri

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:1-10 (pp. 33-34, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Foundation of the World"

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

***Hymn of Approach**

**“Christ is Risen”
(Keith & Kristyn Getty)**

**How can it be, the One who died has borne our sin through sacrifice,
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing “Hallelujah.”
For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ’s disciples lift their eyes.
Alive he stands, their friend and king: Christ, Christ, he is risen.**

**Christ is risen, he is risen indeed! Oh, sing “Hallelujah.”
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed: “Christ is risen, he is risen indeed.”**

**Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw him and their hearts believed;
But blessed are those who have not seen, yet, sing “Hallelujah.”
Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the truth and pow’r of grace;
And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting.**

**Christ is risen, he is risen indeed! Oh, sing “Hallelujah.”
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed: “Christ is risen, he is risen indeed.”**

**The power that raised him from the grave now works in us to power’lly save;
He frees our hearts to live his grace—go, tell of his goodness.**

**Christ is risen, he is risen indeed! Oh, sing “Hallelujah.”
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed: “Christ is risen, he is risen indeed.”**

***Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ God’s only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Gift of Music

**“Sunrise, Resurrection”
(Words: J. Paul Williams; Music: Joseph M. Martin)**

Sanctuary Choir

For those who would like to follow along, the words are printed on page 8.

Call to the Supper

Joel Russell-MacLean

Call to Confession
Assurance of Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth... We praise you, joining the angels of heaven, all our sisters and brothers around the world, and the faithful departed..., saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Jesus who came and will come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayers of the People

Cheryl Johnston

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Consecration

Joel Russell-MacLean

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to set us free from sin, death and the devil. With love, we offer ourselves to you, fully and completely, as living sacrifices, as we proclaim the good news:

All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Our Gifts and Offerings

Joel Russell-MacLean

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and cup as genuine symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. Unite us to Jesus and bring us, in the end, with all the faithful, to resurrection and everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Communion (All communion wafers are gluten free)

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

“Thine is the Glory”

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Members of the congregation wishing to join the Sanctuary Choir in the singing of Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus” are invited to come to the choir loft during the singing of this song. Men are asked to come up the east staircase and women up the west staircase. Music will be provided at the entrance to the choir loft.

Thine is the glory, risen conqu’ring Son;

Endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won.

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,

Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen conqu’ring Son;

Endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won.

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Choral benediction

“Hallelujah Chorus”
(Handel)

Today will be Mark Anderson’s final Sunday as our organist. We are so grateful that he was willing to gift us with over thirty years(!) of helping to lead us in worship. We will be holding a farewell celebration on May 7, celebrating communion with him and praying for him and Roxanne, with a meal and program to follow the service. Today, John Nelson and Christa Walsh return to celebrate with us the many years the three of them led us in worship. With all our hearts, thank you, Mark. And as you have always insisted, to God be the glory.

Thank you to John Nelson, Christa Walsh and Mark Anderson for leading us in the “Hallelujah Chorus.”

Children’s Easter Egg Hunt after the worship service – not before or during!

Scattered and hidden around the Sanctuary today you will find Easter Eggs. An egg is a symbol of new life: think ducklings and chicks and other wonders of springtime. The new life that Jesus gives us doesn’t turn us into fluffy chicks, it makes us brand new. Baptism is another way that we can think about the new life we have in Jesus. The Bible says, “If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation – the old is gone, the new has come!”

Following the worship service, you are invited to the lower hall for “A Time for Friends” — an opportunity to fellowship with one another and enjoy some refreshments together.

Coming up in April...

Wednesday, April 12, 4:00 - 8:00 pm	Easter Week Games Night
Saturday, April 15th, 8:30 am	Men's Breakfast
Saturday, April 22, 10:00 am	Voice Novel Study

Lyrics for "Sunrise, Resurrection"

Sunrise, resurrection, Jesus is alive.

Sunrise, resurrection, Jesus is alive. Alleluia, Jesus is alive.

Sunrise, celebration, Jesus is alive.

Sunrise, celebration, Jesus is alive.

Mary came at break of day, saw the stone was rolled away.

Then she heard the angel say: Jesus is alive. Alleluia, Jesus is alive.

Oh, sing unto the Lord, sing unto the Lord, sing unto the Lord.

Oh, sing unto the Lord, sing glory alleluia to the Lord.

Jesus is alive. Alleluia, Jesus is alive.

People come with voices raised.

Resurrect your songs of praise.

Sing for joy and wake the day.

Gloria, gloria, gloria, gloria, Jesus is alive.

Jesus is alive. Alleluia, Jesus is alive.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Sunrise, resurrection, Jesus is alive.

Sunrise, resurrection, Jesus is alive. Alleluia, Jesus is alive. Alleluia, Jesus is alive!

Sunrise, resurrection. Sunrise, celebration.

Sing unto the Lord. (6x)

He is Alive.